

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

JOSEPH HARDEN,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 4:14-CV-383 NAB
)	
MICHAEL BOWERSOX,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This closed matter is before the court on Petitioner Joseph Harden’s Motion for Certificate of Appealability [Doc. 34.], Pro Se Motion for Issuance of Certificate of Probable Cause [Doc. 35.], and Motions for Leave to Appeal in Forma Pauperis [Docs. 36, 37.].

The Court will grant Petitioner’s motions for leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal. [Docs. 36, 37.] The Court has previously stated that it will not issue a certificate of appealability on Petitioner’s convictions for first degree murder and the related armed criminal action charge for the reasons stated in the Memorandum and Order of April 12, 2017. [Doc. 15.] Therefore, Petitioner’s Motion for Certificate of Appealability and Motion for Issuance of Certificate of Probable Cause on his cross-appeal will be denied.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner’s Motion for Certificate of Appealability and Pro Se Motion for Issuance of Certificate of Probable Cause [Docs. 34, 35.] are **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's Motions for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis on Appeal are **GRANTED**. [Docs. 36, 37.]

Dated this 20th day of September, 2017.

/s/ Nannette A. Baker
NANNETTE A. BAKER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE